

**COUNCIL ON RECYCLING
RECOMMENDATIONS
AGREED UPON AT THE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2002 AND
DECEMBER 18, 2002
MEETINGS**

Investigate the nature and scope of electronic waste in Wisconsin

The Council recommends that a study be done by the DNR and SHWEC that answers the following questions:

- A. Volume
 - a. How much is in storage?
 - b. How much is disposed of annually?
 - c. How much is purchased annually through large and small retailers and through internet sales?
 - d. Trends in purchasing practices.
- B. Infrastructure capacity
 - a. What is the capacity of the infrastructure now?
 - b. What is the capacity of the private sector to grow?
 - c. How much is handled through communities/municipal programs, BSI, and what are the costs associated with this program?
- C. Service
 - a. Who is being serviced now?
 - b. How convenient is service?
 - c. How costly is service?
 - e. Would a State Term Recycling Contract be feasible?
- D. Current practices
- E. Awareness of current law

If the study cannot be done using existing funds, or if a broader study is warranted, then the Council suggests that an application for a grant from the U.S. EPA in FY 2003

This study should be done regardless of whether or not the rest of the recommendations are followed. (Passed at September 11 meeting.)

1) Support for the National Electronic Product Stewardship initiative (NEPSI)

The Council on Recycling goes on record to support the National Electronics Product Stewardship Initiative and urges all members of that process to continue to work towards a comprehensive solution for the minimization of the environmental impact of computers, TVs and other electronic equipment, including the extraction of resources and the manufacture, use and disposition of these products. (Passed at December 18 meeting.)

2) Develop State Procurement Guidelines

Work with the Department of Administration to develop guidelines for the procurement or leasing of environmentally preferable electronic equipment.

Require recycled plastic/glass/other content

Require "design for environment"

(Passed at September 11 meeting.)

3) Divert computers and televisions from landfills in Wisconsin DNR

The Council on Recycling recommends that the State of Wisconsin direct the DNR and Commerce, with oversight from the Council on Recycling, and working in cooperation with other states, to develop a system to divert computers and televisions from landfills. The financing of the system should be incorporated into the price of the product, and not incurred by local units of government or taxpayers. Reports should be directed to the appropriate legislative committees. (Passed at December 18 meeting.)

4) A ban on landfilling computers and televisions in Wisconsin

Enact a landfill and incineration ban on electronics. There would be no exceptions to this ban. The ban would be phased in to allow for an educational process and infrastructure development. (Note: this language was agreed to at the September 11 meeting but was not voted on at that time.)

5) Promulgate rules to set standards

A voluntary certification program be established. The program would seek to have large quantity generators certified by the Independent Association of Electronic. Small quantity generators would be asked to follow a checklist developed by the DNR. After three years the program would be reviewed. If there were a high degree of compliance, then no rules would be necessary. If compliance were low, then the DNR would seek administrative rules. (At the September 11 meeting Cynthia Moore, DNR, was asked to bring a proposal to the next Council meeting. She presented her proposal at the November 13 meeting. The Council accepted the above proposal at the December 18 meeting but there was no actual vote on the language).